

I have never done anything like this before and I am 84. I do NOT belong to any political party and have never done so as I value my freedom to choose for myself who I vote for. However I do have strong views on how we manage this wonderful country of ours. I am fourth generation Australian born from boat refugees who came here for sanctuary, fleeing from religious persecution in Ireland, France and Spain because they were Protestants.

My allegiance is to this, my country, my homeland, my sanctuary, my Australia, and I wish you, my elected representatives, to protect it with every breath you take. I expect, no, I demand, that you protect this place above all political and economic pressures, because it is so old, so beautiful and so precious to so many of us. There is no place like it on earth, and you are removing protection from our shores, our seas and our land. Shame, shame, shame!!

Please think again about what is happening, this is NOT some minor political point-scoring exercise, this is reality for all the people, the land, the original inhabitants, for political parties and factions. Please, for the future of us all, cross the boundaries, use the power you were given by ALL the people at the last election from all sides of the political spectrum to make this country the safest place on earth for everyone and every species.

You say "Stop the Boats", don't force US to say "Stop the Pollies". Save our reefs and shores,
NOW Jos Bush